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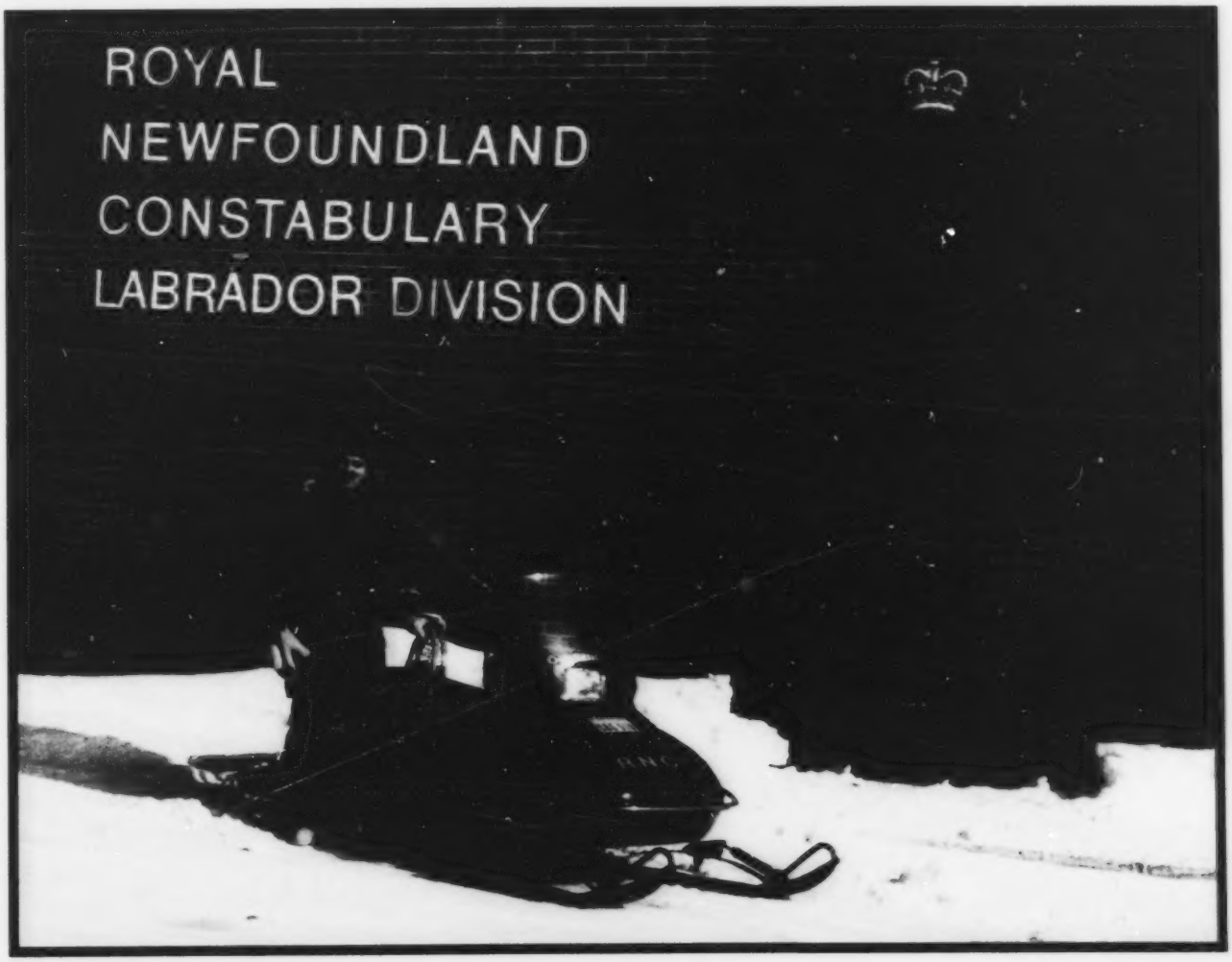

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Honourable Edward Roberts, Q.C.
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This publication comprises the 1991 Annual Statistical Report of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, submitted for your approval.

We have incorporated many of the aspects that first appeared in the 1990 report, as well as adding statistical comparisons and analysis.

The past year has been a challenging one for the Force and the resourcefulness and initiative of our members was very much a factor in discharging our operational responsibilities.

I am satisfied that we have done a good job in 1991 and that our members will continue to serve the citizens of jurisdictions we police in an able and competent manner in the future.

E.J. COADY
Chief of Police

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FOREWORD

This year's report continues in the format initiated with the 1990 Annual Statistical Report. Again this year we are providing information about the administration, operation, and strength of the Force. This feature was introduced last year and was particularly well received. We feel information of this sort is useful in helping readers more fully understand the various facets of the Constabulary. In addition this year we have begun to include features on various elements of the RNC's operations.

Since this is the second full year using the Police Information Retrieval System (PIRS) as the basis for statistical reporting in St. John's, we are providing comparisons with 1990. As 1991 was the first full year that Corner Brook and Labrador West were on PIRS, we have not included comparisons for these areas. For anyone wishing information on previous years, statistics can be provided upon request.

We have further expanded our statistical report to include graphic representations of some significant categories and a breakdown of cases handled by the Force.

THE ORGANIZATION
OF THE
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND CONSTABULARY

Early Constabulary members on parade at Fort Townshend.

Modern Constabulary on parade at Corner Brook.

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary is one of the oldest police forces in North America. Constables were employed in Newfoundland as early as 1729 but it was with the removal of British troops from the island in 1870 that the need for an organized force was recognized. The following year, 1871, the Newfoundland Constabulary was instituted to police the island.

This newly reorganized Force was modelled after the Royal Ulster Constabulary and took up headquarters at Fort Townshend, site of the former British garrison in St. John's. It continued to be the island's only police force until the formation of the Newfoundland Ranger Force in 1934. The Rangers policed Labrador and some of the more remote areas of Newfoundland until Confederation with Canada.

After Confederation in 1949 the Rangers were absorbed into the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) who were contracted by the new provincial government. This was a period of retrenchment for the Constabulary who now confined their duties to the City of St. John's, while the RCMP policed the rest of the province. The Constabulary did retain provincial status, however, and maintained the ability to enforce the law anywhere in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The late 1970s saw the beginning of significant changes in the Force. In 1979 Queen Elizabeth II conferred the title "Royal" upon the Constabulary and that same year a new modern headquarters was opened at Fort Townshend. The following year the first women were sworn in as Constables.

In the 1980s the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary extended its duties into areas outside the capital city. In 1983 the Constabulary began patrolling the St. John's Metropolitan Area and the following year took up duties in Labrador West. In 1986 the Constabulary returned to Corner Brook, assuming policing duties from the RCMP.

That is the situation as it currently stands. The Constabulary police these three areas while the RCMP are active in the remainder of the province.

Areas Policed by the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary

1. Labrador West
2. Corner Brook
3. St. John's Metropolitan Area

CURRENT ORGANIZATION

As stated, the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary polices three areas (St. John's Metropolitan Area, Corner Brook, and Labrador West), comprising nearly 40% of the province's population. The operating budget for the entire Force in this fiscal year is $22.2 million.

The Constabulary is under the direction and control of Edward J. Coady, Chief of Police. During 1991 the division at Corner Brook underwent a command change when Superintendent Harold Pitcher transferred to St. John's and was replaced by Superintendent Gerald Budden. The Labrador West division is commanded by Inspector Everett Green.

The Force still maintains its headquarters at Fort Townshend, St. John's, in the building opened in 1979. In addition to headquarters, the RNC also operates modern facilities at Corner Brook and Labrador City. There is also a detachment at Churchill Falls, Labrador, and satellite offices at Mount Pearl and Conception Bay South, both operated from the St. John's office. In 1991 the Corner Brook division expanded its policing duties to accommodate that city's new boundaries.

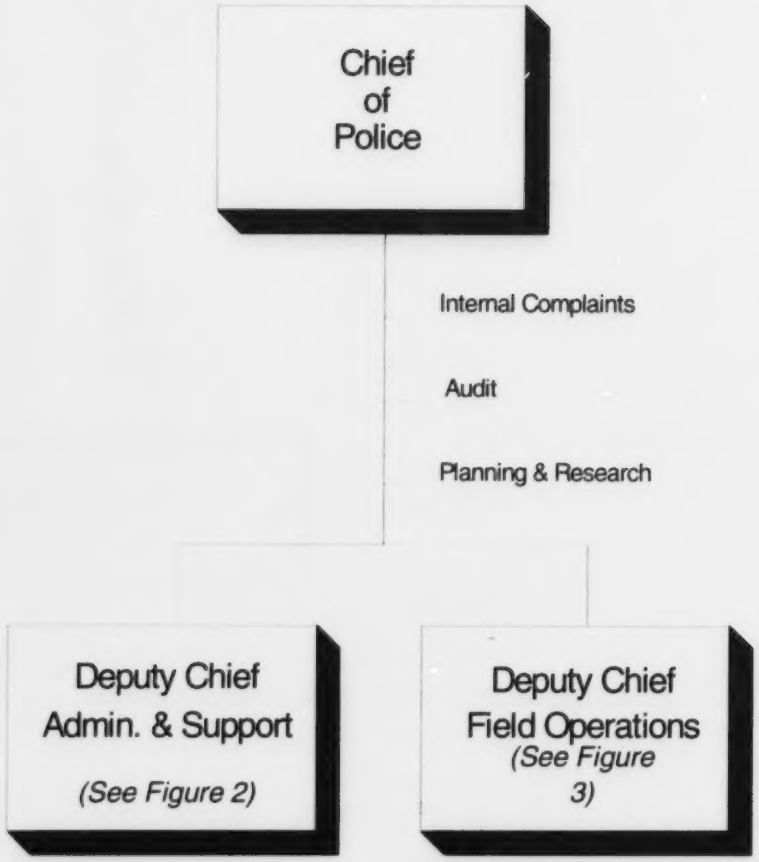
The following is a breakdown of the strength and size of each jurisdiction:

AREA	POLICE PERSONNEL	CIVILIAN STAFF	SQUARE MILES POLICED	POPULATION SERVED
ST. JOHN'S METROPOLITAN AREA	284	43	235	171,000
CORNER BROOK	44	5	61	23,000
LABRADOR WEST	23	4	27,315	15,000
TOTALS	351	52	27,611	209,000

On the following pages are organizational charts for the Constabulary, graphs on policing in Newfoundland and Labrador, and a special text section. This year the Report features three areas of the RNC that deserve special attention: The Crime Prevention Unit, Training Initiatives, and the Officiating Padre.

Following these is the 1991 Statistical Report which concludes the Annual Report.

Figure 1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Internal Complaints
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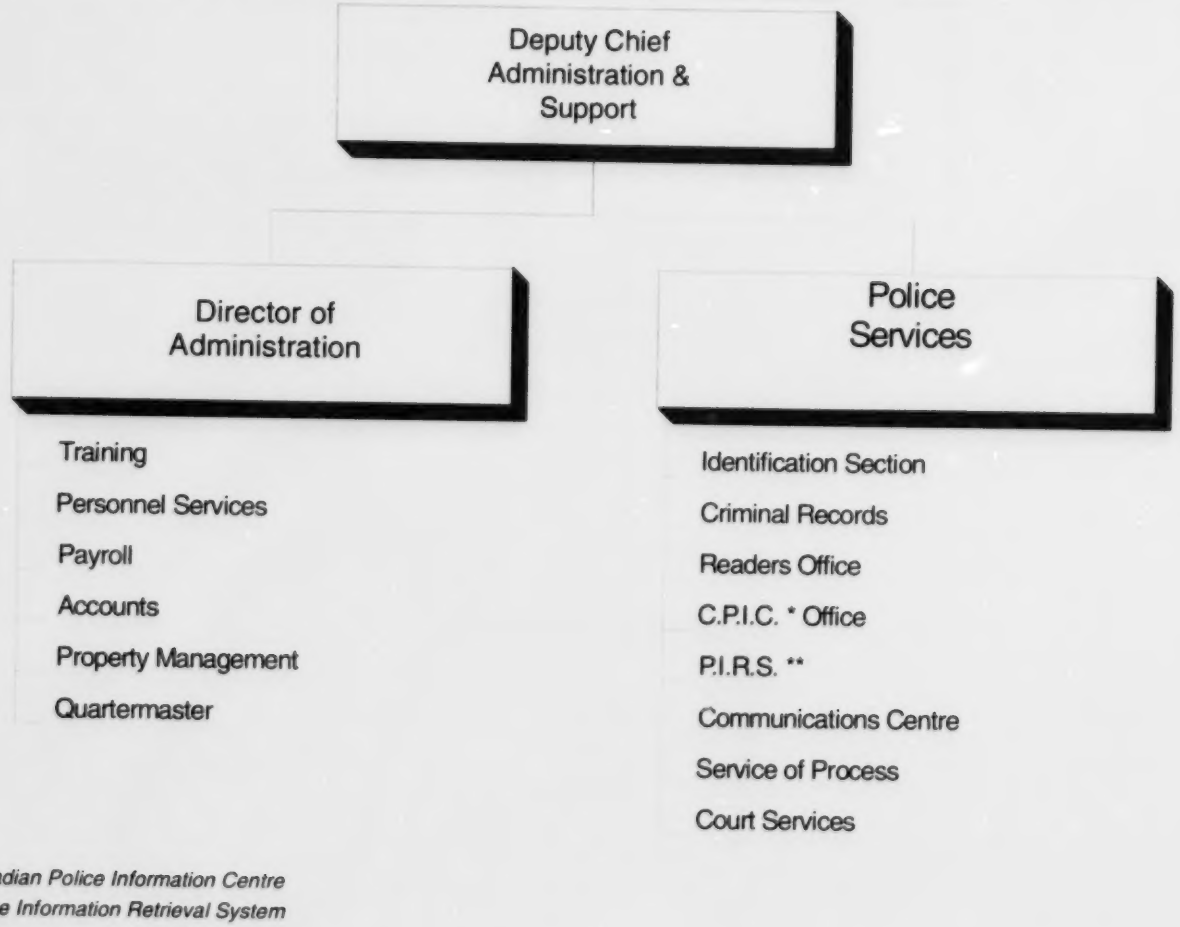
Deputy Chief Field Operations
(See Figure 3)

Figure 2



* *Canadian Police Information Centre*
** *Police Information Retrieval System*

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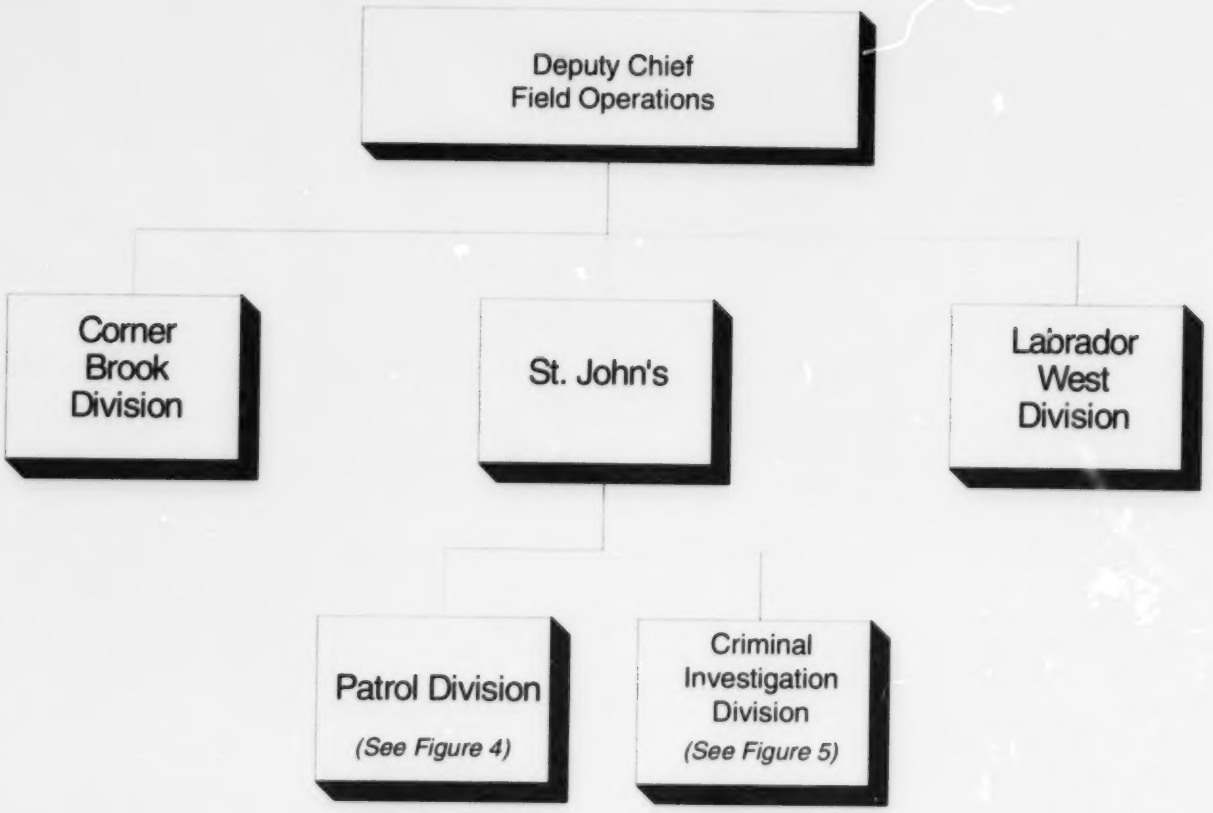
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Field Operations
Corner
Brook
Division
St. John's
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West
Division
Patrol Division
(See Figure 4)
Criminal
Investigation
Division
(See Figure 5)

Figure 4

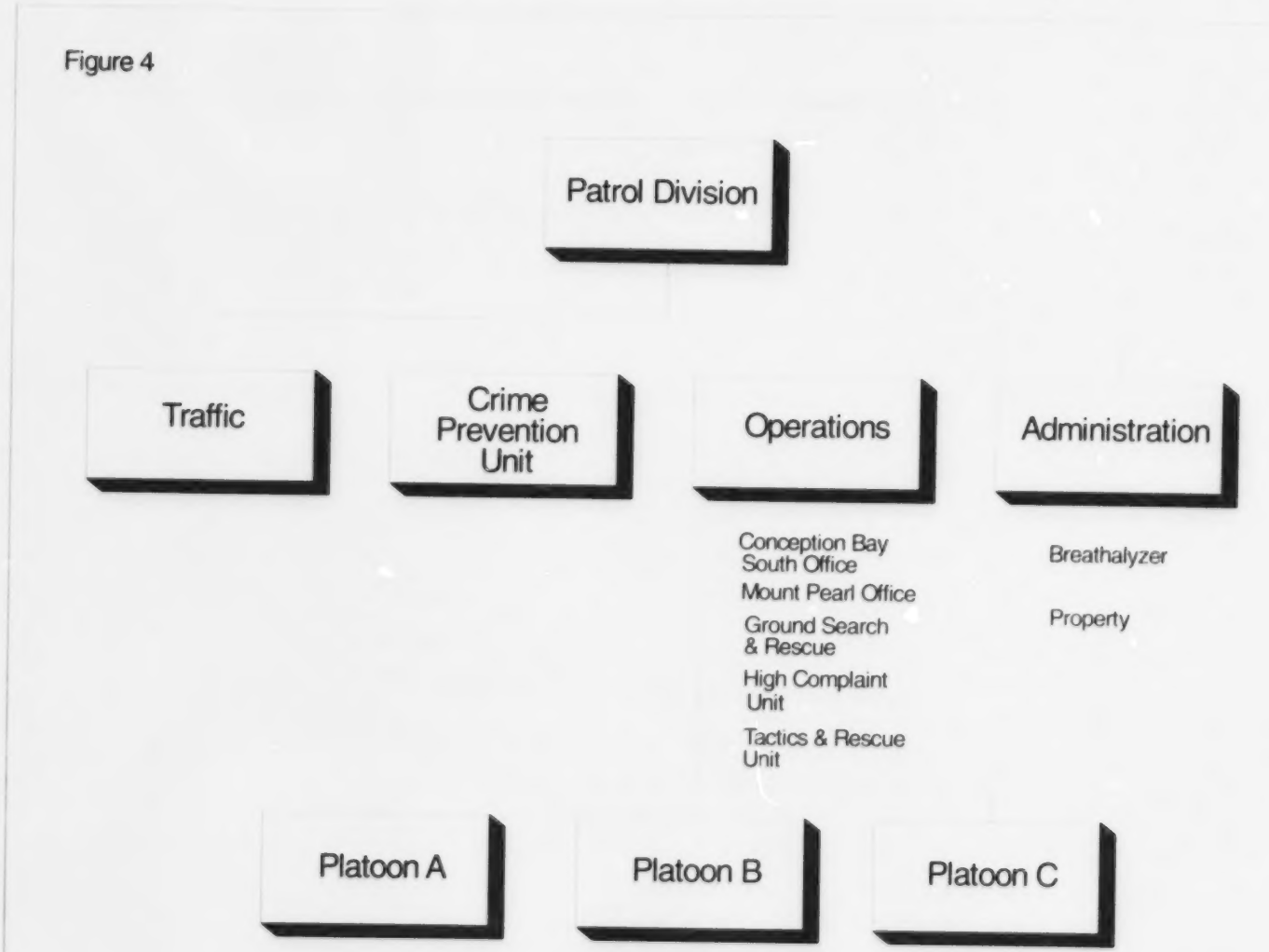
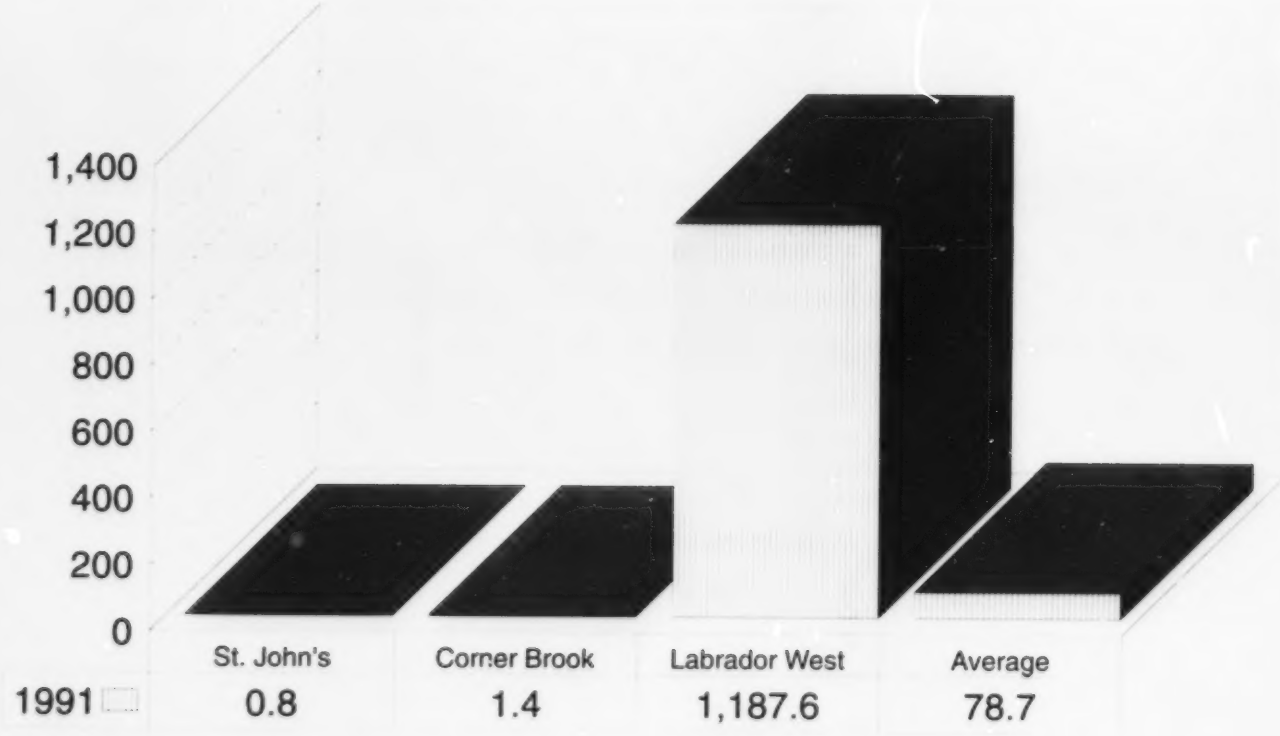

Patrol Division
Traffic
Crime Prevention Unit
Operations
Administration
Conception Bay South Office
Mount Pearl Office
Ground Search & Rescue
High Complaint Unit
Tactics & Rescue Unit
Breathalyzer
Property
Platoon A
Platoon B
Platoon C

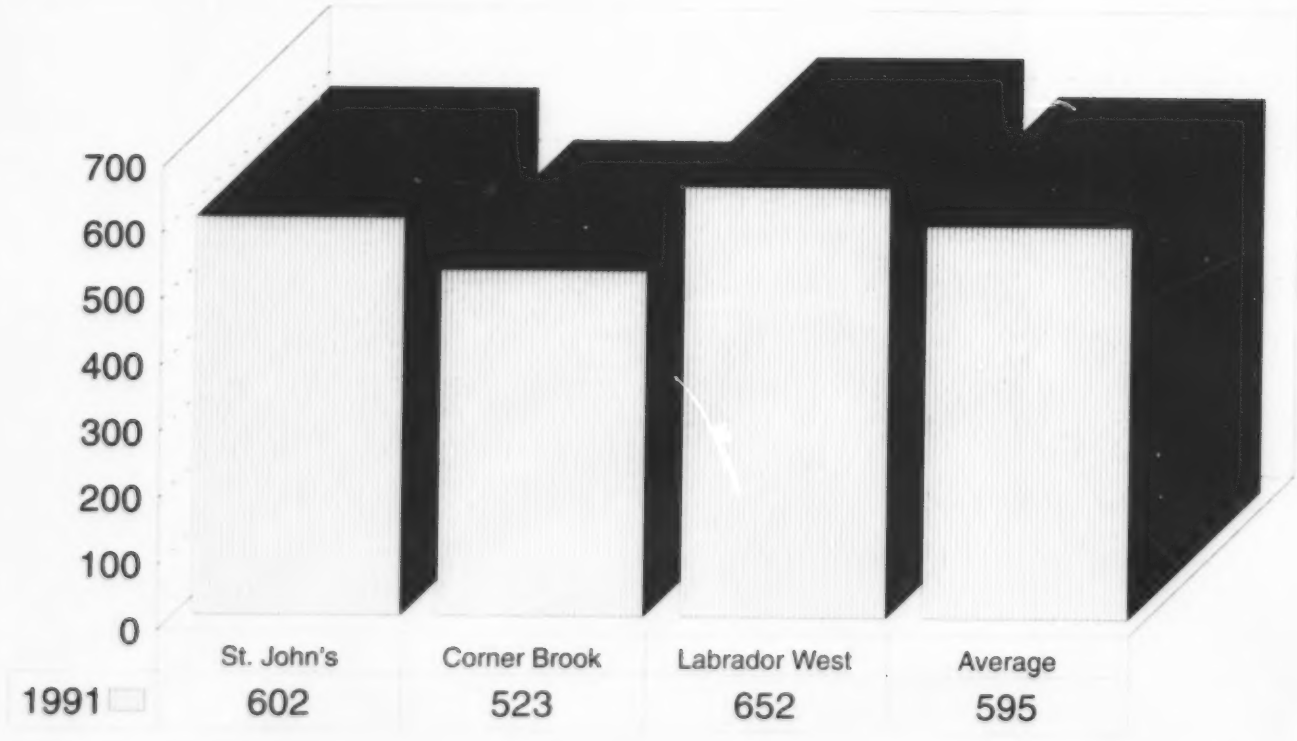
Figure 5

* *Criminal Intelligence Unit*
** *General Investigation Section*

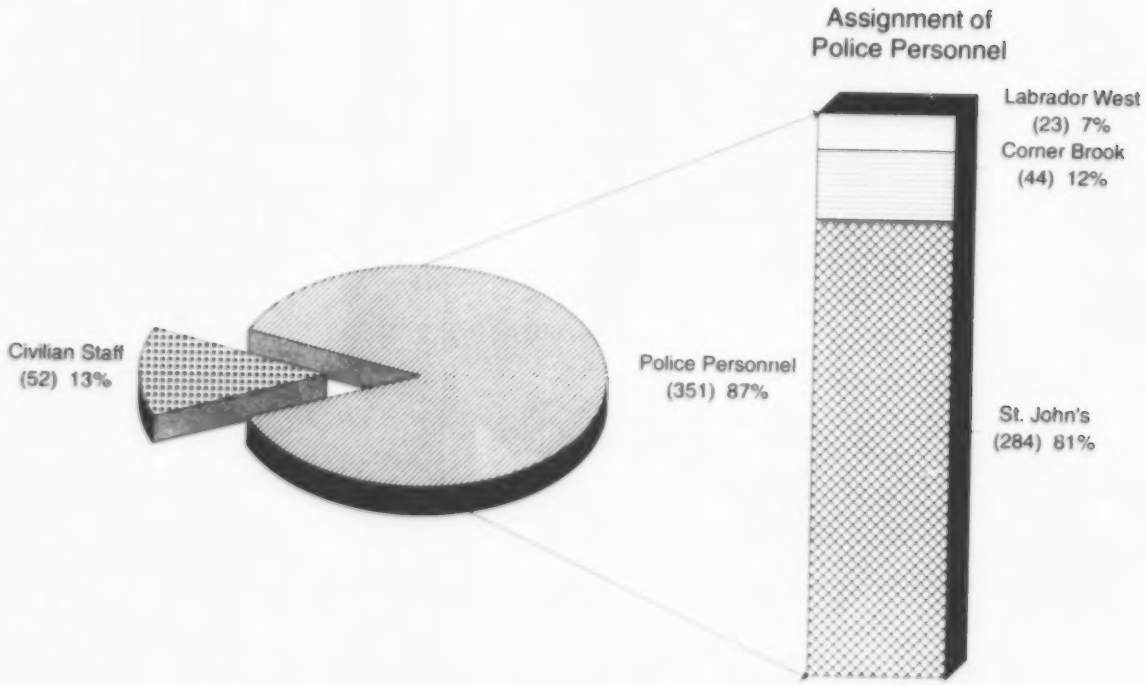
Square Miles Policed Per Constabulary Officer



Population Served
Per Constabulary Officer



Personnel
Uniformed & Civilian



The Honourable Paul Dicks officially opens the RNC Museum Exhibit at Corner Brook, March 22, 1991.

THE CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The Crime Prevention Unit actively pursued its mandate of preventative and pro-active policing during 1991. The Unit, comprised of five members (a Sergeant and four Constables), recorded its busiest year ever.

Throughout 1991 members of the Unit made a total of 840 presentations to a total of approximately 22,350 people. This only begins to indicate their positive impact in the community. Members were involved in committee work with at least 19 community groups, ensuring that policing concerns were represented and considered. The various programmes and presentations made by the Unit allowed them to reach the general public as well as specific target groups. There are public displays during Police Week and Crime Prevention Week, the Constable William Moss Softball Tournament, Student Jeopardy Contest, Babysitting and Block Parent programmes, Operation Identification and a wide array of programmes and community activities.

Besides reaching many people directly, the Unit's messages and activities are widely covered by the media, thus ensuring that countless other people are made aware of police concerns.

In the latter part of 1991 the Crime Prevention Unit underwent a change of mandate. In an attempt to provide better support to the Constabulary's operational units, Crime Prevention has begun to emphasize statistical crime profiling: analyzing criminal data to set priorities. This allows the Unit to identify areas and crime types of high incidence and actively work to reverse these trends.

TRAINING INITIATIVES

In the past year the Constabulary has sponsored many of its members in a wide variety of training courses. These have included a number of courses offered by other institutions and many local workshops, seminars and in-service training sessions. Such additional training is offered or sponsored to meet specific needs and changing demands in police work and to upgrade or enhance members' existing skills.

Constabulary members have been accepted and successfully completed courses at the Canadian Police College in Ottawa. These have included courses in forensics and identification techniques, criminal intelligence and investigation, polygraph examination, police administration, traffic accident investigation, drug investigation, and computer technology.

Members also attended various courses at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer as well as a number of other locations. Seminars and courses involved such subjects as homicide, fraud, fire investigation, firearms, and breathalyser equipment.

Local training initiatives involved both outside agencies and expertise found within the ranks of the Force. A number of members received training in using the Police Information Retrieval System (PIRS) and the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC). Domestic issues were also given considerable attention with workshops and seminars on child abuse, wife battering and domestic violence.

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary recognizes the need for continual training and upgrading of its members. Through such initiatives as have been detailed here the Force is able to act on its commitment.

Dean Edward Rusted (left) accepting the office of Chaplain from Chief of Police E. J. Coady.

THE OFFICIATING PADRE

Effective March 9, 1990 the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary instituted the position of Officiating Padre and The Very Rev. Dr. Edward Rusted accepted the appointment to that Office.

The Padre operates under the general direction of the Chief of Police with a mandate to provide personal, family and spiritual counselling to police members, visit sick or injured members in hospital, offer prayers at formal police functions, and to carry out any ministerial duties as they are required. All of the above is done on a voluntary basis.

Dean Rusted took the position following his retirement as Rector of the Anglican Cathedral in St. John's. The Padre is uniquely qualified for the position having served as a Royal Navy Chaplain during the Second World War and later as the Officiating Chaplain in North Borneo during the Indonesian Confrontation.

The Dean quickly became a recognized and accepted figure at the Constabulary's Fort Townshend headquarters. In the course of his duties he is a frequent and welcome visitor to the building, as well as turning up regularly at crisis situations. He seems to work constantly and unceasingly on behalf of the Constabulary and its members; a source of quiet support and comfort at all times.

The Constabulary owes a debt of gratitude to the Padre for his unflagging dedication. He is, in his pleasant and unassuming way, exceeding all the hopes the Force had for the Office.

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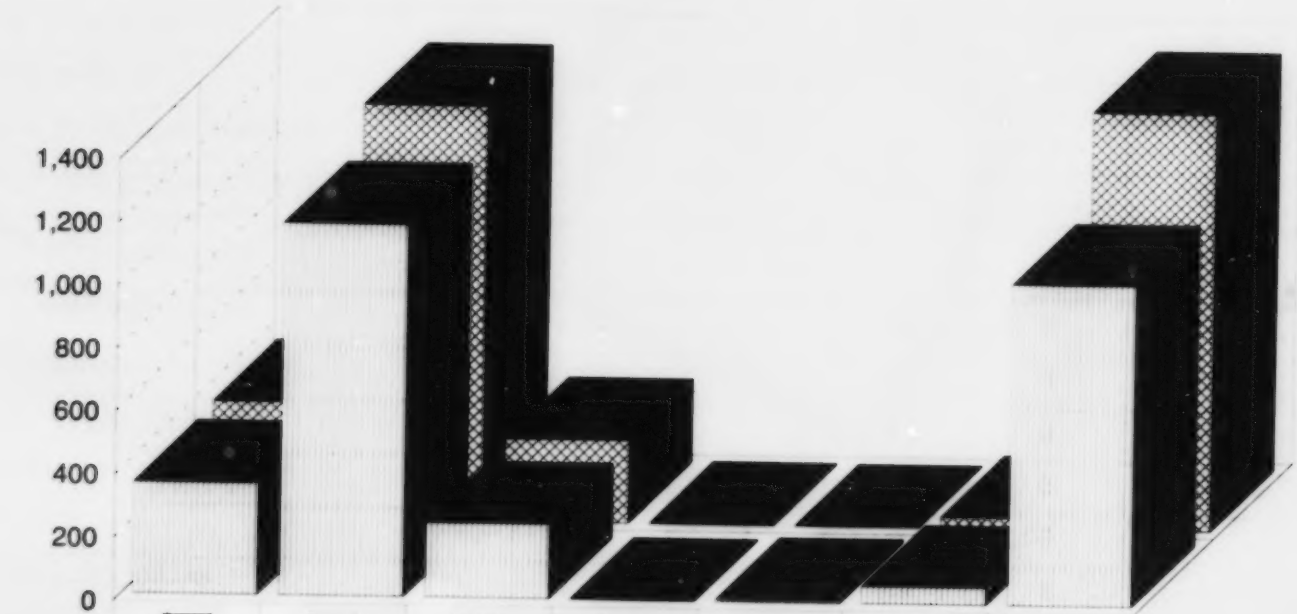
Category	St. John's			Corner Brook	Labrador West	Totals
	1991	1990	%	1991	1991	1991
HOMICIDE						
Murder 1st Degree	1	0	NA	0	0	1
Murder 2nd Degree	1	0	NA	0	0	1
Manslaughter	1	1	0	0	0	1
Attempted Murder	2	0	NA	0	0	2
Robbery with Firearm	6	8	-25	0	0	6
Other Offensive Weapon	9	9	0	0	0	9
Other Robbery	14	25	-44	0	0	14
ASSAULTS						
Aggravated Sexual Assault	0	5	-100	7	0	7
Sexual Assault w/ Weapon	1	6	-83	0	0	1
Sexual Assault	367	344	7	39	5	411
Assault Level One	1316	1182	11	144	48	1508
Assault Level Two	262	237	11	16	9	287
Aggravated Assault Level Three	2	2	0	0	1	3
Assault w/ Bodily Harm	1	8	-88	7	2	10
Assault of Police Officer	32	53	-40	3	2	37
Assault of Peace/Public Officer	1	2	-50	3	0	4

Assaults

St. John's Metropolitan Area

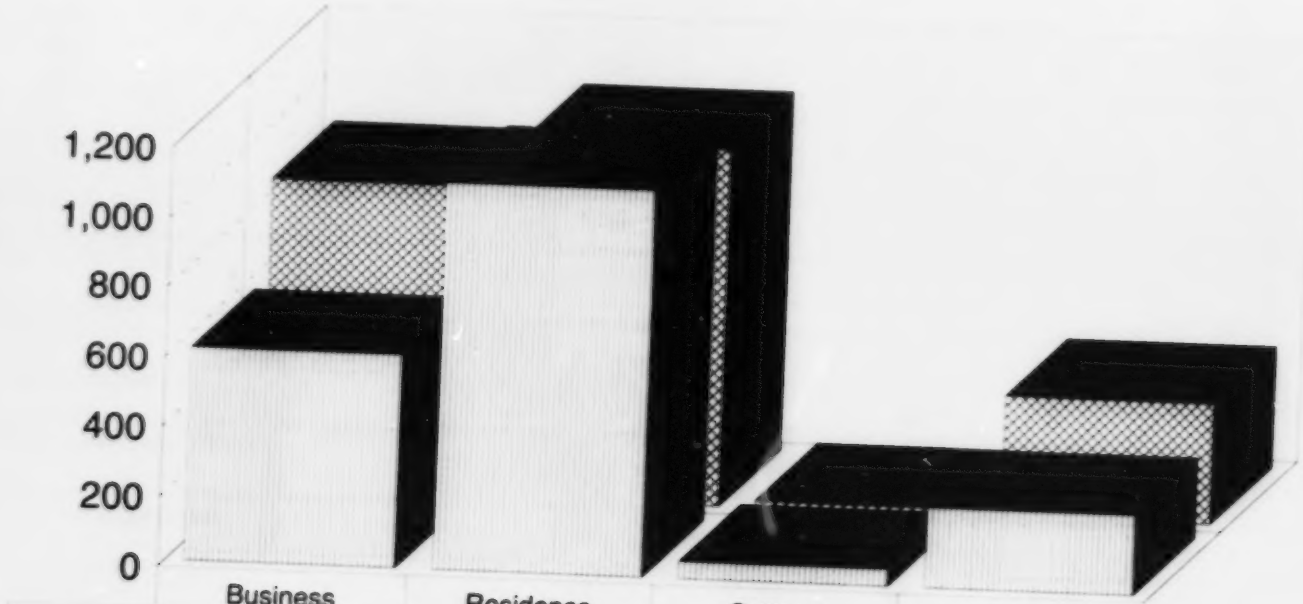


	Sexual Assault	Assault Level 1	Assault Level 2	Aggra-vated Assault	With Bodily Harm	On Law Officer	Other Assaults
1990	355	1,182	237	2	8	55	1,020
1991	368	1,316	262	2	1	33	1,325

Category	St. John's			Corner Brook	Labrador West	Totals
	1991	1990	%	1991	1991	1991
ASSAULTS (*cont'd*)						
Other Assaults	1325	1020	30	194	37	1556
Other Sex Offenses	13	18	-28	1	3	17
ABDUCTION						
Under Fourteen	4	6	-33	0	0	4
Under Sixteen	2	1	100	0	0	2
BREAK AND ENTRY						
B & E Business	889	609	46	89	22	1000
B & E Residence	1024	1107	-7	43	18	1085
B & E Cottage	20	48	-58	4	20	44
Other B & E	346	229	51	47	21	414
THEFT - MOTOR VEHICLE						
Auto Theft	340	320	6	10	6	356
Truck Theft	37	16	131	7	2	46
Other Motor Vehicle	34	42	-19	4	8	46
Motorcycle Theft	35	37	-5	1	3	39

Break and Entry

St. John's Metropolitan Area

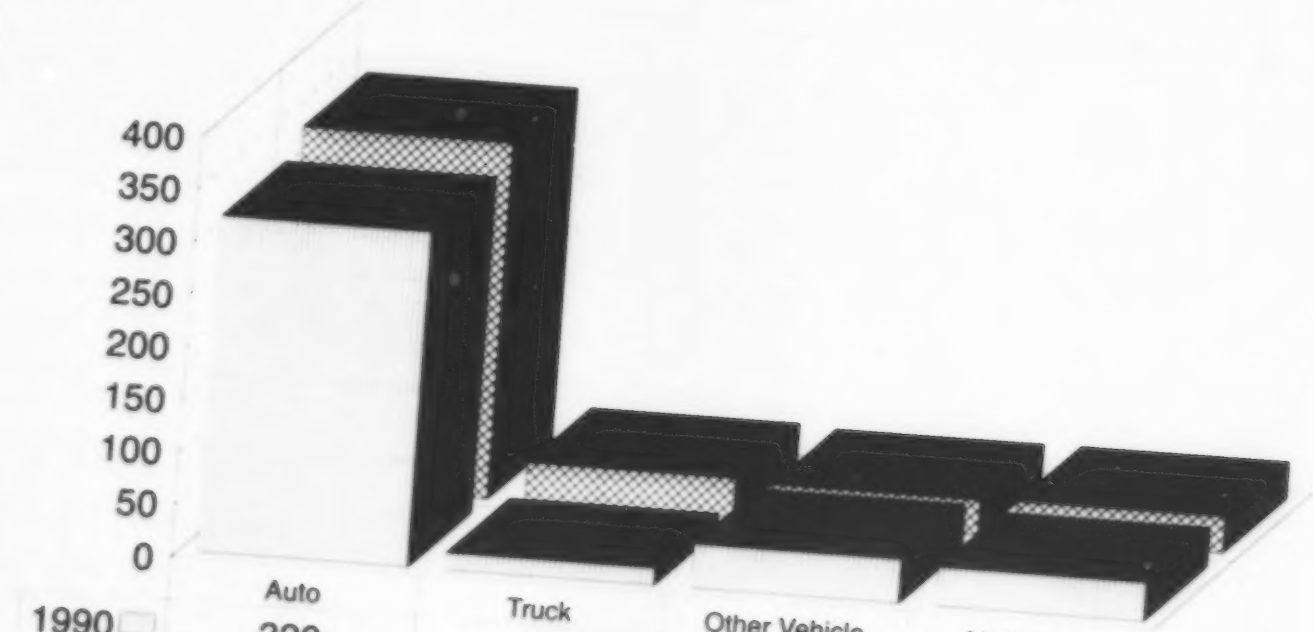


	Business	Residence	Cottage	Other
1990	609	1,107	48	229
1991	889	1,024	20	346

Category	St. John's			Corner Brook	Labrador West	Totals
	1991	1990	%	1991	1991	1991
THEFT OVER $1000						
Theft from Motor Vehicle	48	20	140	5	1	54
Shoplifting over $1000	18	24	-25	4	0	22
Other Theft over $1000	277	244	14	44	6	327
THEFT UNDER $1000						
Bicycle Theft	176	274	-36	18	18	212
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1725	1450	19	59	30	1814
Shoplifting under $1000	1484	1404	6	169	19	1672
Other Theft under $1000	1680	1719	-2	241	60	1981
Theft of Telecommunication	4	7	-43	1	3	8
Possession of Stolen Goods	166	147	13	22	3	191
FRAUDS						
Fraud-Cheques	55	196	-72	34	8	97
Credit Card Fraud	67	32	109	4	1	72
Other Frauds	72	115	-37	36	4	112
Securities Fraud	2	2	0	1	0	3
Fraud, Sec. 338 CCC	877	457	92	3	9	889

Theft - Motor Vehicle

St. John's Metropolitan Area



	Auto	Truck	Other Vehicle	Motorcycle
1990	320	16	42	37
1991	340	37	34	35

Theft

St. John's Metropolitan Area

	Bicycle	From Vehicle	Shoplifting	Other Theft	Possess Stolen Goods
1990	274	1,470	1,428	1,963	147
1991	176	1,773	1,502	1,957	166

Category	St. John's			Corner Brook	Labrador West	Totals
	1991	1990	%	1991	1991	1991
FRAUDS (*cont'd*)						
Forgery, Sec. 325 CCC	84	112	-25	17	1	102
Uttering, Sec. 326 CCC	31	46	-33	4	0	35
MORALS						
Bawdy House	0	1	-100	0	0	0
Other Prostitution	7	2	250	0	0	7
Offensive Weapons	6	0	NA	22	0	28
Prisoner Unlawfully at Large	57	12	375	0	0	57
Breach of Probation	737	32	2203	102	1	840
Other Criminal Code	464	868	-47	78	47	589
NARCOTICS						
Cocaine Possession	8	3	167	5	1	14
Cocaine Traffic	10	8	25	0	0	10
Marihuana Possession	28	23	22	5	2	35
Marihuana Traffic	10	3	233	5	0	15
Marihuana Cultivation	3	2	50	0	0	3
Hashish Possession	65	101	-36	13	2	80

Category	St. John's			Corner Brook	Labrador West	Totals
	1991	1990	%	1991	1991	1991
NARCOTICS (*cont'd*)						
Hashish Traffic	22	48	-54	15	2	39
Hashish Importation	0	1	-100	0	0	0
Other Narcotics	6	6	0	1	0	7
Restricted Drugs	4	3	33	2	2	8
WEAPONS/EXPLOSIVES						
Explosives	6	2	200	0	0	6
Prohibited Weapons	18	14	29	3	3	24
Restricted Weapons	9	8	13	0	3	12
Other Weapons	138	98	41	19	8	165
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE						
Arson	134	67	100	6	1	141
Counterfeiting	10	2	400	0	0	10
Trespass at Night	4	13	-69	3	1	8
Property Damage over $1000	123	101	22	14	11	148
Property Damage under $1000	2624	2380	10	212	117	2953
Disturbing the Peace	928	1598	-42	291	107	1326

Category	St. John's			Corner Brook	Labrador West	Totals
	1991	1990	%	1991	1991	1991
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (*cont'd*)						
Obstructing Peace/Public Officer	81	89	-9	5	10	96
Bail Violations	890	680	31	49	11	950
Escaping Lawful Custody	48	64	-25	0	0	48
OTHER FEDERAL						
Customs Act	6	7	-14	4	0	10
Excise Act	5	0	NA	0	0	5
Canada Shipping Act	0	3	-100	0	0	0
Immigration Act	14	19	-26	1	0	15
Aeronautics Act	35	12	192	0	1	36
Citizenship Act	2	1	100	0	0	2
National Parole Act	2	8	-75	3	1	6
Income Tax Act	0	1	-100	0	0	0
Other Federal Acts	9	4	125	0	26	35
Transportation of Dangerous Goods	0	2	-100	1	0	1

Category	St. John's			Corner Brook	Labrador West	Totals
	1991	1990	%	1991	1991	1991
OTHER PROVINCIAL						
Child Welfare Act	58	73	-21	3	8	69
Sudden Deaths	167	172	-3	21	3	191
Family Relations Act	93	89	4	8	1	102
Fuel Oil Tax Act	1	1	0	0	0	1
Intoxicated Persons Detention	2234	2206	1	139	37	2410
Liquor Act	1277	1268	1	71	81	1429
Litter Act	2	3	-33	1	1	4
Mental Health Act	837	722	16	66	24	927
Provincial Wildlife Act	15	12	25	0	3	18
Summary Proceedings Act	0	2	-100	1	0	1
Other Provincial Statutes	354	218	62	33	17	404
Fire Prevention Act	491	428	15	107	75	673
Dog Act	168	213	-21	7	15	190
Trespass Act	11	10	10	13	0	24
Off Road Vehicle Act	35	30	17	74	101	210
MUNICIPAL						
Municipal By-Laws	1096	1022	7	145	57	1298

Category	St. John's			Corner Brook	Labrador West	Totals
	1991	1990	%	1991	1991	1991
COLLISIONS						
Fatal Collisions	7	14	-50	0	1	8
Non-fatal Injury Collisions	1186	1025	16	81	51	1318
Property Damage Collisions	3672	4766	-23	475	215	4362
Non-reportable Damage	415	283	47	20	21	456
CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC						
Dangerous Operation of MV/Death	0	1	-100	0	0	0
Dangerous Operation of MV/B Harm	1	1	0	1	0	2
Dangerous Operation of MV	21	16	31	0	10	31
Impaired Causing Bodily Harm	10	12	-17	1	1	12
Impaired Operation of MV	182	242	-25	10	33	225
Driving over 80 mg	811	856	-5	74	38	923
Refusal of Breath Test	157	213	-26	9	2	168
Refusal of Roadside Alert	13	25	-48	3	14	30
Refusal of Blood Sample	7	3	133	0	0	7
Failure to Stop/Remain at Scene	40	34	18	1	2	43
Prohibited Driving	137	145	-6	2	2	141

Traffic Accidents

St. John's Metropolitan Area

	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage	Non-reportable Damage
1990	14	1,025	4,766	283
1991	7	1,186	3,672	415

Criminal Code Traffic

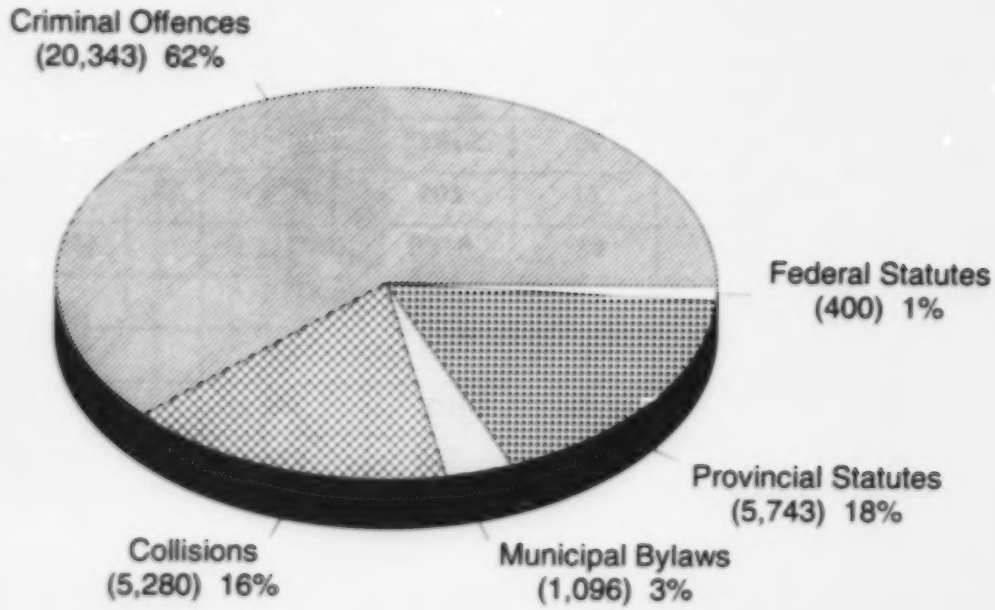
St. John's Metropolitan Area

	Dangerous Operation MV	Impaired Driving	Test Refusal	Fail Remain at Scene	Prohibited Driving
1990	18	1,110	241	34	145
1991	22	1,003	177	40	137

Category	St. John's			Corner Brook	Labrador West	Totals
	1991	1990	%	1991	1991	1991
PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC						
Failure to Stop/Remain at Scene	718	699	3	84	39	841
Dangerous Driving	98	60	63	1	6	105
Disqualified Driving	11	11	0	5	2	18
Other Moving Traffic/Tickets	14710	18097	-19	1274	1073	17057
Other Non-moving Traffic/Tickets	7112	9319	-24	768	334	8214
Insurance Charges/Tickets	592	507	17	15	4	611
Parking Violations/Tickets	17860	27415	-35	1716	157	19733
Written Warnings	8811	9462	-7	1390	1189	11390
MISCELLANEOUS						
Total Service of Legal Documents	677	828	-18	147	48	872
Total Assists of General Public	15840	13522	17	1409	826	18075
Total Permits Issued (e.g. FAC)	2183	2501	-13	529	279	2991
Total Inspections (Firearms)	39	46	-15	0	19	58
Total Other Investigations	14367	4940	191	2048	0	16415

Cases Handled

St. John's - 1991



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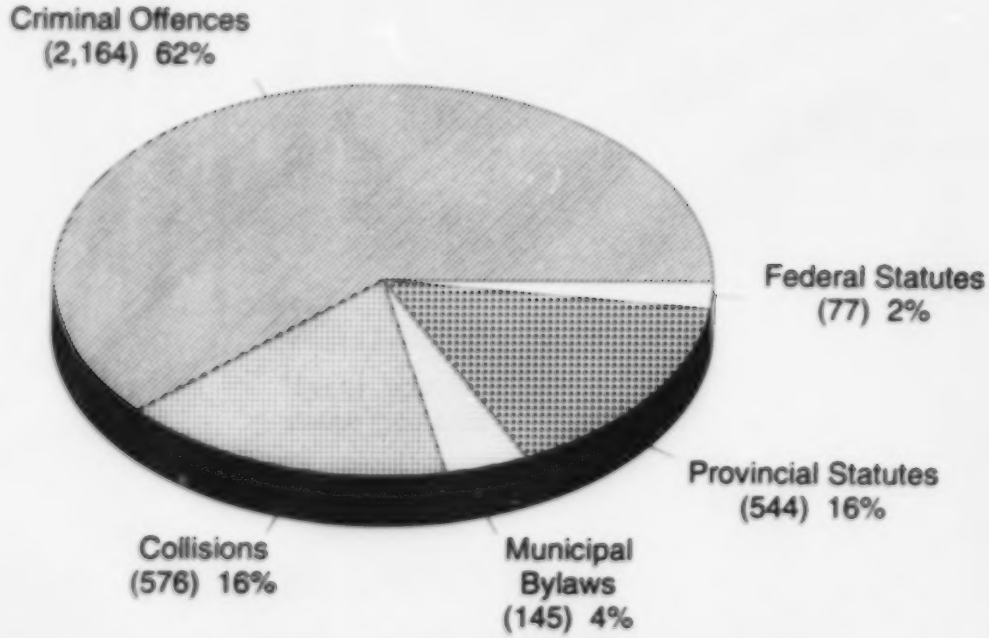

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Cases Handled
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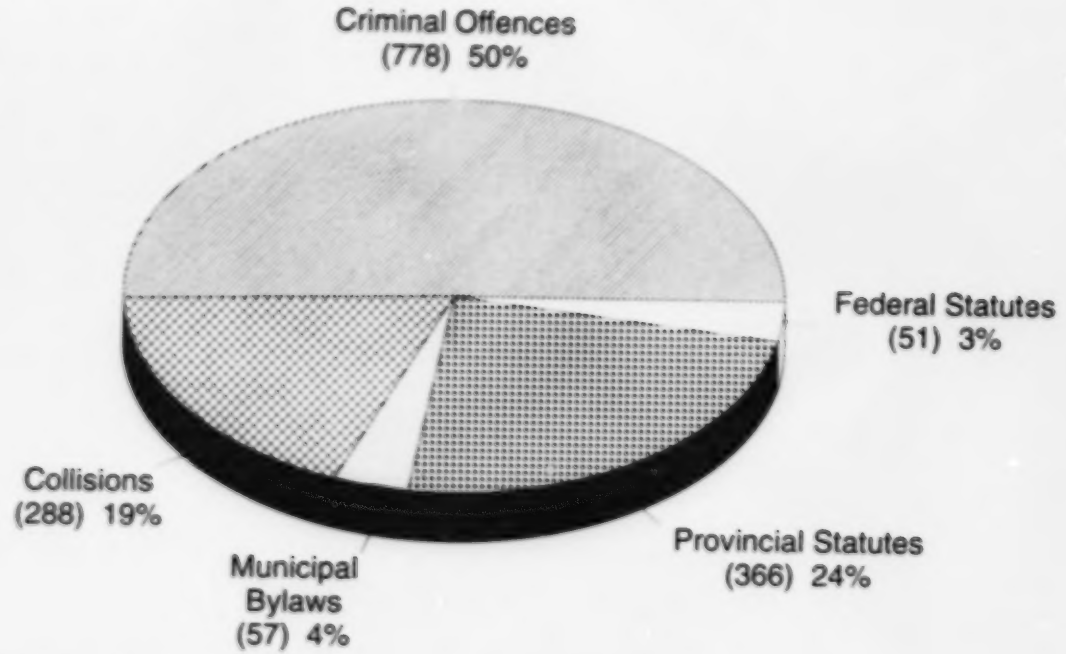

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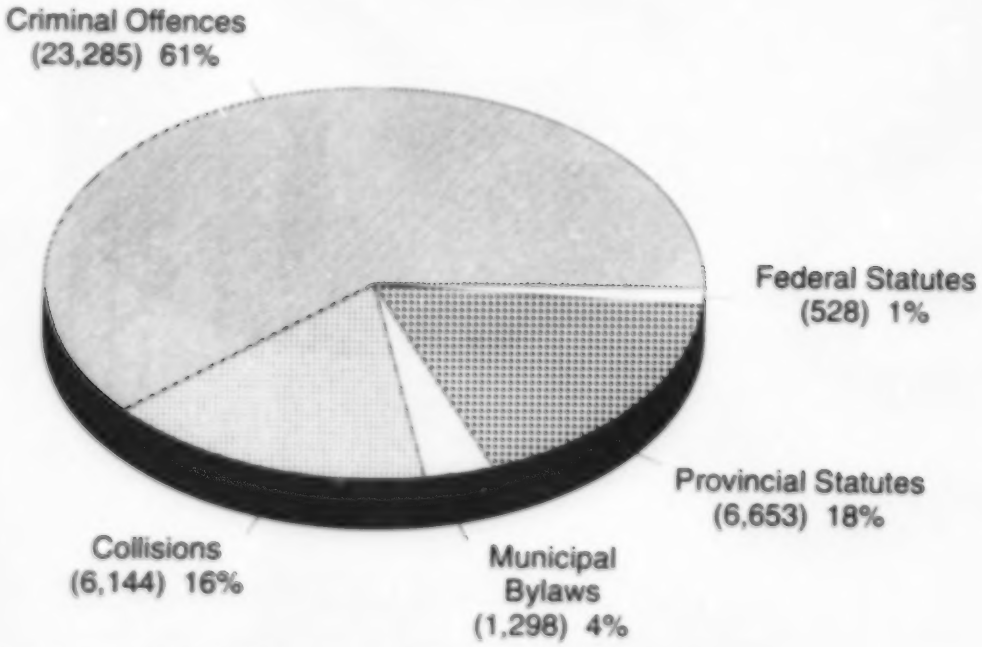

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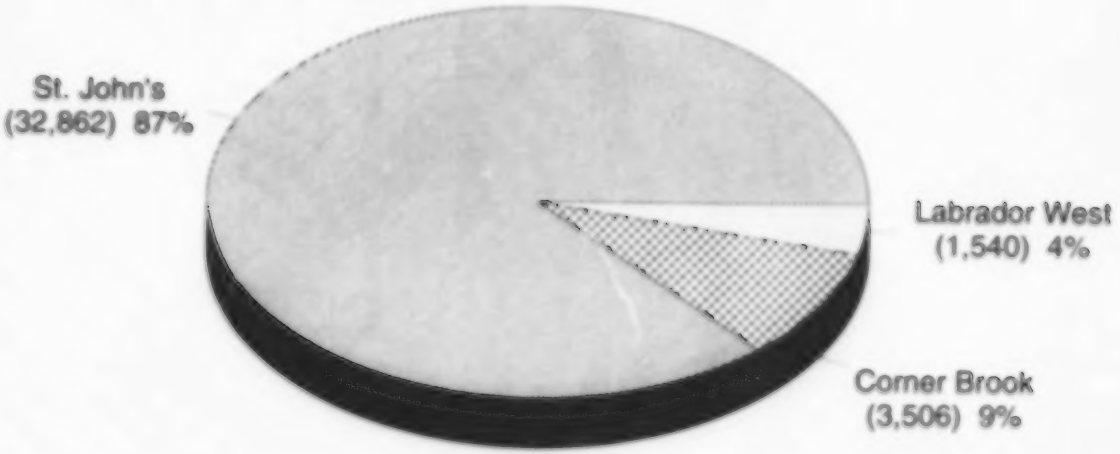

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